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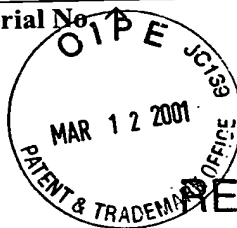
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Date: March 12, 2001

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

### PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) fee must be enclosed**

This application is entitled under Rule to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith or before the new action is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following in before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed January 12, 2001
2. ☒ The enclosed new Preliminary Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☒ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☒ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
  - ☒ PTO-1449 ☒ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.**

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